

THANK YOU, DALE (KRAMER). IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO TAKE PART IN THIS EVENT IN BEHALF OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS ... AND THE 8,000 SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES IT REPRESENTS IN OUR GREAT STATE OF WISCONSIN.

YOU AND THE SHOPKO CHAIN ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND GENEROSITY TO THIS MOST WORTHY CAUSE ... ENABLING INDIVIDUALS WITH COGNITIVE DISABILITIES TO TEST THEIR ATHLETIC SKILLS.

YOUR SHOPKO CHARITY GOLF OUTING IS NOW THE SINGLE LARGEST ONE-DAY FUND RAISER FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN THE WORLD ! THE EVENT BOASTS MORE THAN 1,400 GOLFERS PLAYING ON 10 GOLF COURSES.

SHOPKO BEGAN ITS SPONSOR RELATIONSHIP WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN 1993 WITH A \$15,000 GIFT. IN FIVE YEARS, THE ANNUAL DONATION JUMPED TO OVER \$1.5 MILLION AND TODAY BENEFITS MORE THAN 35,000 ATHLETES IN WISCONSIN AND 15 OTHER STATES.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS ARE FOUNDED ON THE PREMISE THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION COULD BENEFIT FROM PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS. EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITIES, DESERVE THE CHANCE TO TRAIN, COMPETE AND SHOW THE WORLD WHAT THEY ARE CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING.

SUCH FUNDING WILL ENABLE 56 SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES FROM WISCONSIN TO JOIN 7,000 OTHER ATHLETES FROM 150 NATIONS TO COMPETE AT THE WORLD GAMES IN NORTH CAROLINA.

THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS SUMMER WORLD GAMES WILL BE THE SINGLE LARGEST SPORTING EVENT ON THE PLANET IN 1999 AND TEAM WISCONSIN WILL BE A PART OF IT.

OUR ATHLETES ... WITH THE SUPPORT OF CORPORATE PARTNERS LIKE SHOPKO ... WILL BE ABLE TO GET OFF THE SIDELINE AND GET INTO THE GAME.

WISCONSIN IS PROUD TO WATCH THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THESE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**ATHLETES. YOU WON'T SEE THESE ATHLETES
SETTING WORLD RECORDS, BUT YOU WILL SEE
THE OLYMPIC ATHLETIC SPIRIT IN ACTION.**

**THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOAL IS TO HELP PEOPLE
REACH THEIR POTENTIAL BY FOCUSING ON THEIR
ABILITIES ... NOT THEIR DISABILITIES.**

**CORPORATIONS LIKE SHOPKO SHOULD KNOW IT IS
NOT JUST A HELPING HAND THEY LEND WHEN
THEIR MAKE A CONTRIBUTION LIKE THIS TO
SPECIAL OLYMPICS THEY ALSO GIVE THESE
ATHLETES THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME ... THE
CHANCE TO REALIZE THEIR OWN POTENTIAL ...
WHICH IS ALL THEY, OR ANY ONE OF US, CAN ASK.**

THANK YOU.